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OFFICE OF PETITIONS

In re Application of
Michael Ehrhart et al
Application No. 09/904,697
Filed: July 13, 2001
Attorney Docket No. 283-300

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:DECISION GRANTING PETITION
:UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(f) AND
:MAILING OF PUBLICATION FEE
:DUE

This is in response to the communication received by facsimile transmission on December 23, 2002, which is being treated as a renewed petition, to revive the instant nonprovisional application under the unintentional provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(f).

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner states that the instant nonprovisional application is the subject of an application filed in a foreign country on July 10, 2002. However, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office was unintentionally not notified of this filing within 45 days subsequent to the filing of the subject application in a foreign country.

In view of the above, this application became abandoned pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) for failure to timely notify the Office of the filing of an application in a foreign country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(f) must be accompanied by:

- (1) the reply which is met by the notification of such filing in a foreign country or under a multinational treaty;
- (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and
- (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date of the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.

The instant petition has been found to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.137(f).


Accordingly, the failure to timely notify the Office of a foreign or international filing within 45 days after the date of filing of such foreign or international application as provided by 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 CFR 1.213(c) is accepted as having been unintentionally delayed.

The previous Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(I) has been rescinded. A Corrected Filing Receipt which sets forth the projected publication date of April 3, 2003 accompanies this decision on petition.

A Notice of Allowability and a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due were mailed in this case on November 5, 2002. However, in view of the nonpublication request filed with the application, the Notice of Allowance mailed in this case did not require the submission of a publication fee. Therefore, in view of the rescinding of the nonpublication request, a Notice of Publication Fee Due is being mailed under separate cover. Petitioner should note that payment of the publication fee is required to be filed within the period set forth in the Notice to avoid abandonment of the application.

This application is being forwarded to Publishing Division to await a reply to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed November 5, 2002 and to the Notice of Publication Fee Due mailed December 27, 2002.

Any inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.


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ATTACHMENT: Corrected Filing Receipt